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West Chester, Pennsylvania	19380	
Dear Mr. D. C.		

On April 12, 2017, you submitted a letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding concerns on the cleanup at the Bishop Tube Company Site located in Frazier, Pennsylvania.

As you mentioned, the Bishop Tube Company Site is listed in EPA's Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS) under EPA ID: PAD081868309. SEMS is the national database and management system that EPA uses to track activities at hazardous waste sites considered for cleanup under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund. The status of the Bishop Tube Company Site is currently listed in SEMS as Other Cleanup Activity (OCA). An OCA qualifier is used to document the referral of a non-National Priorities List (NPL) site to a state cleanup program for remedial-type work, without EPA enforcement or oversight. This means there is no continuous and substantive involvement on the part of EPA while remedial-type work is ongoing.

In March 1996, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania notified EPA that the State did not support listing the Bishop Tube Company site on the NPL. The NPL is a federal list of the most contaminated sites requiring federal cleanup. The site was entered into OCA on November 30, 1999 and EPA recognized the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) as the primary regulatory authority at the site.

At this time, EPA performs a monitoring role at the Bishop Tube Company Site by biannually checking in with PADEP regarding the status of cleanup work. Should conditions change such that federal Superfund involvement becomes necessary, EPA will work with PADEP to determine an alternative approach for addressing the site. The answers to your specific questions regarding the concerns at the Bishop Tube Company Site should be addressed by PADEP. EPA will work cooperatively with PADEP in regards to your concerns at the site.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Vallone, Site Assessment Manager (SAM) for the site at 215/814-3306.

Sincerely,

Karen Melvin, Division Director Hazardous Site Cleanup Division

Cc: Patrick L. Patterson PADEP



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